TOWN OF HASTINGS, OSWEGO COUNTY NEW YORK

TOWN BOARD MEETING- SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

The Town of Hastings Town Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday September 8th, 2026, at 7:30pm.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Supervisor Tony Bush, Councilman Alan Hanson, Councilman Mark Martino, Councilman Richard Waldron, and Councilman John DeBottis.

Also present: Erin Goodrich, Town Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Bush called the town board meeting to order at 7:32pm, asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and pointed out the emergency exits.

DISCUSSION

Supervisor Bush opened the floor for public comments.

1.) Supervisor Bush asked the residents from Little Canada Road how the clean-up at the homes across the street is going. They responded by saying the two homes in deplorable condition are being worked on very slowly. The one home was getting cleaned up, but they are more concerned that squatters may move in and then they won't be able to do anything to get them out. Also, there is a camper in the front yard now and they want to know what can be done to get the camper removed. The Town will reach out to code enforcement to see what can be done. At court the Town attorney asked the one owner Lou to sign papers stating no one will move in. At the other property the neighbors have tried to get National Grid to turn the power off as no one is living in the property and if the power remains on it is inviting squatters even more so. However National Grid stated they can't turn the power off because the previous owner was listed as being on oxygen and they legally can't turn the power off to that home. The residents are having patience, but they are seeing that the process of having individuals either clean up their properties or get them condemned takes a very long time.

2.) Supervisor Bush asked Dee Kerby, from the HUB, how everything was going. She said the kids return for the after-school programs they run on the 21st. They give the kids some time to get into the school routine before they start up. Once the program starts, 6th and 7th graders attend Monday and Wednesday, 8th grade and up attend Tuesday and Thursday, they recover on Fridays. At the program all kids receive dinner each night at 4:30 and they look forward to it. Dee is excited to have the kids back even though it takes a lot of work to plan and run, the program benefits heavily outweigh the work.

3.) A resident, Steve, while the meeting seemed to be talking about properties within the town that are being grossly neglected, he asked about the property at the corner of County Route 4 and US

Route 11. Supervisor Bush and other board members determined he was referring to a property owned by Mr. Kevin Fear. Councilman DeBottis had the Codes Department's monthly permit report and saw Mr. Fear's name listed, but as to what type of permit it was the report did not identify. Councilman DeBottis said he'd ask and find out what might be being done and if cleanup of the property does not start, they will send him a violation letter.

MOTIONS:

1.) Councilman DeBottis motioned to accept the minutes from the August 11, 2026, regular Town Board meeting. Councilman Martino seconded. All approved, motion carried.

2.) Councilman DeBottis motioned to approve the scheduling of a special meeting for the presentation of the 2027 tentative budget for Friday October 2, 2026, at 3pm. Councilman Martino seconded. All approved, motion carried.

3.) Councilman DeBottis motioned to approve hiring Lucas LeClair, starting immediately, as a full-time Codes Enforcement Officer at $22 an hour contingent upon him earning his Certification within 6 months. Councilman Martino seconded. All approved, motion carried.

4.) Supervisor Bush motioned the approval to place lettering or stickers on all Town owned and operated vehicles for identification purposes. No Councilman seconded. Motion failed.

RESOLUTIONS:

1.) Councilman DeBottis introduced the following and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board approves for the payment the claims certified on attached Abstract #9 in the amounts indicated thereon:

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote**: Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 26-95 adopted**.

2.) Councilman DeBottis introduced the following and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby adopts Local Law #1 of the year 2026 entitled A Local Law Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established in New York General Municipal Law §3-c in and for the Town of Hastings for the Fiscal Year 2027.

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote:** Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 26-96 adopted**.

3.) Councilman DeBottis introduced the following and moved its adoption:

RESOLVED, the Town of Hastings Town Board hereby approves the Resolution authorizing execution of Developer Escrow Agreement and accepting Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. proposal for professional review services related to Black River-Clay Transmission Line Project.

Councilman Martino seconded. Supervisor Bush asked if there was any discussion. **Vote**: Supervisor Bush, aye; Councilman Hanson, aye; Councilman Martino, aye; Councilman Waldron, aye; and Councilman DeBottis, aye. Motion carried. **Resolution 26-97 adopted**.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Supervisor Bush motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Martino seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Goodrich, Town Clerk